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TRUMP'S LAWYER SAYS HE WAS ASKED TO TESTIFY

President Donald Trump's personal lawyer Michael Cohen said on Tuesday he had been asked to testify on Sept. 5 before the House Intelligence Committee. "I am committed to complying with the subpoena by the House Permanent Select Intelligence Committee, including the request to testify on Sept. 5," Cohen told Reuters, confirming an account first reported by Bloomberg News.



The House committee is among those investigating alleged Russian meddling in the

U.S. election and any possible collusion with the president's campaign or associates. It approved a subpoena for Cohen on May 31, but the committee had not announced any date for his testimony. **REUTERS**

CANADA'S DETENTION OF MEXICANS SURGES

Detention of Mexican citizens in Canada has spiked since December, when the government lifted its visa requirement for visitors from Mexico, figures obtained by Reuters show, even as Canada burnishes its image as more welcoming than the United States. Detentions in the first five months of 2017 were more than twice the previous two years combined, according to Canada Border Services Agency

statistics provided last week in response to a Reuters request. Canada's detention of Mexicans surged more than tenfold from 24 in November to 331 in April, the data show. The number of Mexicans filing refugee claims more than quadrupled from November to March. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau promised to lift the visa requirement, imposed by the previous government, during the 2015 election campaign. **REUTERS**

DEPUTY AG: NO CAUSE TO FIRE MUELLER

The No. 2 official at the U.S. Justice Department told Congress the special counsel investigating Russia's alleged interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential election and possible collusion with the Trump campaign is going to have "the full degree of independence" he needs. "Director Mueller is going to have the full degree of independence that he needs to conduct that investigation appropriately," Deputy Attorney

General Rod Rosenstein told a Senate appropriations subcommittee, referring to special counsel Robert Mueller. Rosenstein, who has the sole ability to fire Mueller given that Attorney General Jeff Sessions has recused himself from matters relating to the investigation, told the panel he had seen no evidence of good cause for letting Mueller go and that he would not follow any theoretical order to fire him absent such evidence. **REUTERS**

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THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

CARBON MONOXIDE EVACUATION

4 New York City Fire Department (FDNY) officers look on during an evacuation of 32 residents after a building in Tribeca was found to have elevated levels of carbon monoxide on Tuesday. **GETTY IMAGES**

VERIZON CLOSES YAHOO DEAL, MAYER STEPS DOWN

Verizon Communications Inc said on Tuesday it closed its \$4.48 billion acquisition of Yahoo Inc.'s core business and that Marissa Mayer, chief executive of the internet company, had resigned. The completion of the acquisition marks the end of the line for Yahoo as a standalone internet company, a storied tech pioneer once valued at more than \$100 billion. Verizon, the No. 1 U.S. wireless operator, is combining

Yahoo with AOL, which it bought two years ago, to form a new venture called Oath, led by AOL CEO Tim Armstrong. Oath's more than 50 brands include HuffPost, TechCrunch and Tumblr. "Given the inherent changes to my role, I'll be leaving the company," Mayer wrote in an email to employees on Tuesday that she also posted on Tumblr. "However, I want all of you to know that I'm brimming with nostalgia, gratitude, and optimism." **REUTERS**

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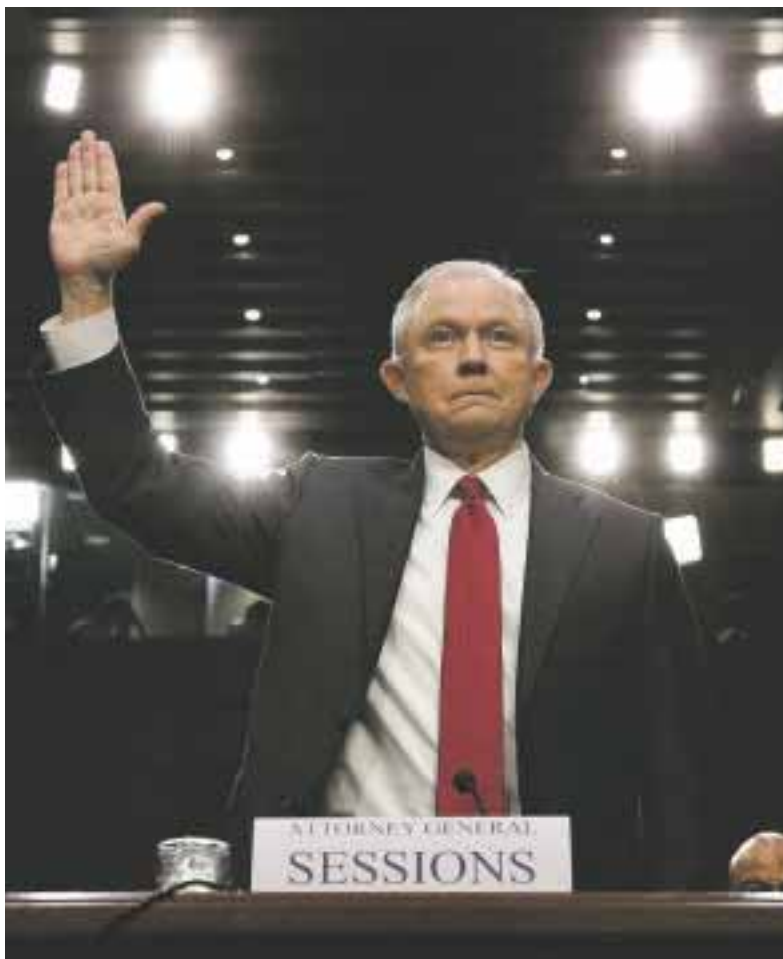
Sen. Kamala Harris during the questioning.



Attorney General Sessions greets Sen. Richard Burr.



Sessions preparing to testify.



Attorney General Sessions is sworn-in prior to testifying before the Senate Intelligence Committee. ALL IMAGES COURTESY GETTY IMAGES



Sessions confers with a member of his staff.



Sen. John Cornyn during Sessions' questioning.



Sessions' testimony lasted more than two hours.

Sessions angers Democrats with refusal to testify on Trump conversations

The testimony by Sessions marked the latest chapter in a saga that has dogged the Trump presidency.

U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions on Tuesday denounced as a “detestable lie” the idea that he colluded with Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential campaign, and he clashed with Democratic lawmakers over his refusal to detail his conversations with President Donald Trump.

Sessions, a senior member of the Republican president's Cabinet and an adviser to his presidential campaign, had a series of tense exchanges with Democrats on the Senate Intelligence Committee during about 2½ hours of high-stakes testimony as they pressed him to recount conversations with the president.

“You raised your right hand here today and said you would solemnly swear to tell the truth,

the whole truth and nothing but the truth,” Democratic Sen. Martin Heinrich said. “Now you're not answering questions. You're impeding this investigation.”

Sessions refused to say whether he had discussed FBI Director James Comey's handling of the FBI's Russia probe with Trump before the president fired Comey on May 9. Similarly, he did not answer whether Trump had expressed concern to Sessions about the attorney general's March decision to recuse himself from the Russia investigation. Sessions previously offered to resign because of tensions with Trump over his recusal decision.

Sessions also refused to answer whether any Justice Department officials had discussed pos-

sible presidential pardons of individuals being looked at in the Russian investigations.

Russia has denied repeatedly that it interfered in the U.S. election, and Trump has denied any collusion by his campaign with Moscow.

Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden told Sessions, “I believe the American people have had it with stonewalling. Americans don't want to hear that answers to relevant questions are privileged.”

“I am not stonewalling,” Sessions replied. Sessions said he was following Justice Department policy and would not discuss communications with the president.

Sen. Angus King, an independent, questioned Sessions' legal basis for refusing to answer. Sessions said Trump had not

invoked executive privilege.

Executive privilege is a power that can be claimed by a president or senior executive branch officials to withhold information from Congress or the courts to protect the executive branch decision-making process.

“It is my judgment that it would be inappro-

priate for me to answer and reveal private conversations with the presi-

“I am not stonewalling.”
Jeff Sessions

dent when he has not had a full opportunity to review the questions and to make a decision

on whether or not to approve such an answer,” Sessions said.

The committee's Republican chairman, Sen. Richard Burr, asked Sessions to ask the White House if there were areas officials there would be comfortable with him answering and provide written answers if so.

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TWITTER REACTS TO SESSIONS' TESTIMONY

Jess Dweck @TheDweck

Every pothead Jeff Sessions wants to throw in jail has a better memory than Jeff Sessions

Wendy Luxenburg @wjlux

McCain vs Sessions is like watching two old guys argue over who ate the last pudding

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BREAKING NEWS: “Jeff Sessions remembered something!” #SessionsHearing

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Me, looking at Jeff Sessions: They can do amazing things with puppets these days. Me, looking closer at Jeff Sessions: But not that amazing

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If you can't decide if you want to spend your money on strippers, class it up with a Broadway show or put it to use in the battle against HIV and AIDS, "Broadway Bares" promises to indulge your naughty, cultured and philanthropic sides.

On Sunday, more than 200 Broadway dancers will take the stage at Manhattan's Hammerstein

Ballroom for the annual AIDS charity performance "Broadway Bares." The show is a Broadway-level spectacular with proceeds benefiting Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, a nonprofit that provides medications, meals, counseling and other services.

In years past, special guests like Cindy Lauper, Alan Cumming, Lucy Liu and Patti Lupone have taken the stage for "Broadway Bares." This year's guests have not been announced, yet.

The theme for "Broadway Bares" 2017 is Strip U and takes place on a college campus.

"The story behind it is that Strip U is the place where all the people who weren't accepted anywhere else can go; so, all the special people can go to Strip U and everyone is accepted," triple threat Dave August, who has performed in the show for 20 years, told us.

"The thing about it is, they come up with a storyline or a theme which makes it a fully produced show.

"It's not just strip numbers. Someone from the Broadway community writes an opening number just for that show and you go into this whole other world where everyone just happens to take off all their clothes," he explained with a chuckle.

During the inception of "Broadway Bares" in the '90s, "everyone was nervous and scared of sex and they were afraid to talk about sexuality," August said.

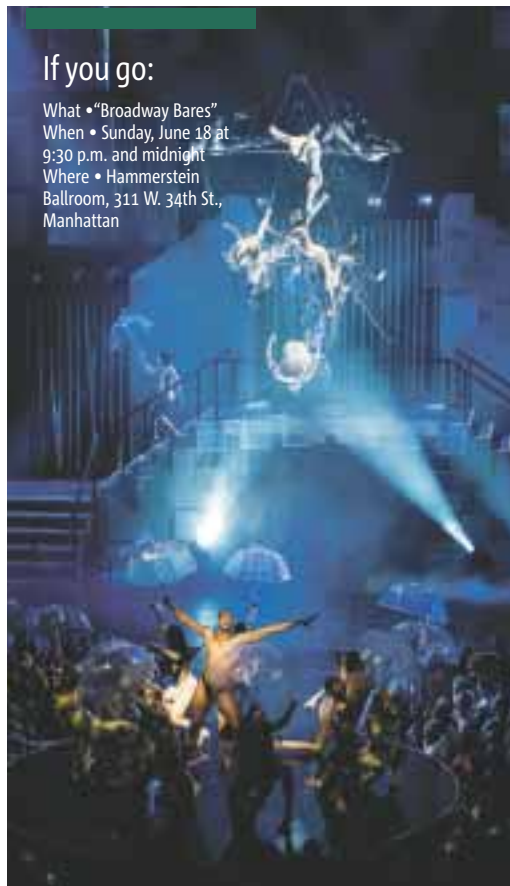
"The message of the show is you can still be sexy and beautiful and naked and do it safely."

With medications and counseling, we have come a long way since the days when people were dying from HIV and AIDS-related illnesses, he explained.

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who remembers losing friends gets older, the next step is to teach those who weren't around in scarier times.

"Now, we have to work backward," August explained. "The younger generation doesn't know about [the importance of] safe sex and we have others in the U.S. who don't know how to get help. The stigma is they are 'less than' and with the current political climate, people don't want to care for people like that, but we want

And the occasional wardrobe malfunction.

"Occasionally, there been a few hiccups, especially during the midnight show," August said.

Understandable, considering the dancers start their day around 9 a.m. at rehearsal, run to perform in the matinee and Sunday shows of whatever production they're in at the time and show up for dress rehearsal at 6 p.m. before giving it their all at the 9:30 p.m. and midnight shows.

"The message of the show is you can still be sexy and beautiful and naked and do it safely."

Dave August

to take care of people like that."

"The only thing about 'Broadway Bares' is that a month after, you still have glitter all over the place," August said with a laugh.

"One year, the Hammerstein told us they didn't want us to use glitter and we all cried because it isn't 'Broadway Bares' without glitter."

Since then, glitter is back and rejoined its fabulous cousins: rhinestones and wigs.

"Sometime there's been an occasion where a piece of costume was forgotten but these people are all professionals so they carry on — and the people who come to the midnight show come because they're hoping something like that happens," August said while laughing.

"Broadway Bares" began in 1992 when Jerry Mitchell, then a Broadway dancer, created the annual fundraising burlesque

show to raise money for those living with HIV/AIDS.

Of the quarter century spent raising more than \$14.3 million for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, August has participated in 20 editions of "Broadway Bares."

"I believe some of the people in the show are half my age," August told us with a laugh.

August began his two decades of stripping for a good cause in 1998 when the show was still held in the Village and he didn't yet consider himself a triple threat.

Admittedly shy in an interview but fearless nearly buck-naked onstage, August still speaks of the event with humble awe and graciousness.

"As they say, the first time is the best time and in this case with 'Broadway Bares,' it really is true," the singer, dancer and actor said.

Set builders, costume makers, lighting techs, more than 200 dancers, plus writers and choreographers, donate their time and money.

"And without any need to feel important," August recalled. "Everyone is on the same level — it's money for a good cause, [so] there's no competition."

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ZeZima decided to focus on helping homeless women, who are "virtually invisible in the city" and have a harder time seeking donations than men, he says. ISTOCK

He helps New York City's homeless women — and hopes that you will, too

Through his Helping Homeless Women GoFundMe page, Mickey ZeZima aims to give everyday necessities to those women in need.



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New Yorkers walk past countless homeless people on a daily basis. Sadly, many turn a blind eye as they scurry past, while others give a few coins or dollars when they can, but one Queens resident aims to do much more — and he needs your help.

Recovering activist Mickey ZeZima, who works as a personal trainer and writer, has been helping homeless women by giving them vital necessities like feminine products, clothing, food, water and more. "Homeless women are virtually invisible in the city," ZeZima told Metro. "The men, they yell at you, they'll sing, they'll dance, they'll coerce you into a donation. Women, they have to go looking for them. The same dynamics of male supremacy play out."

In October, after more than a year of buying supplies out of his own pocket, ZeZima started a GoFundMe page called Helping Homeless Women and has so far raised more than \$5,500 of his \$12,000 goal.

Metro: How did Helping

Homeless Women come about?

Mickey ZeZima: As a white man, I try my best to do the type of work that challenges the privileges I have. I thought that this is an avenue I can put my heart and soul into and make an immediate difference.

Metro: How did you decide to start the GoFundMe page?

MZ: In October, my friend did a play, and there were a lot of snacks leftover. I was walking to the train with her, and there was a homeless woman sitting there. We gave her the leftover food, and I said out loud, "I'm going to make this official."

Metro: How do you go about approaching these homeless women?

MZ: I do my best to be super respectful because I'm figuring, as many have later told me, that many are homeless due to issues like domestic abuse, and they don't need some strange man walking up to them.

If they have a sign that says they're looking for help, I feel I have the OK to introduce myself. There have been times when I've politely offered something, and they very aggressively told me to get lost. I move on because they have enough hardship in their life, they don't need me pushing.

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New report: 30-somethings are now having more children than women in their 20s

CDC data finds that when it comes to motherhood, more women are waiting until later in life.



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There's a running joke in New York City that nobody has kids in their 20s (or even early- or mid-30s) here because, well, everybody is too busy. Now, it looks like the rest of the country is starting to catch up with this Big Apple platitude.

For the first time in recorded history, women in their 30s are having more babies than those in their 20s. A new report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that the birthrate for women in the 30-to-34 age range was about 103 per 100,000, while the rate for women



A 2017 study found that children of older mothers are often smarter than those born to younger moms. ISTOCK

between the ages of 25 and 29 was 102 per 100,000. The findings were based on reviewing birth certificates across the country in 2016. Though not in the 30s window quite yet, the

average age of women giving birth for the first time increased to 28, two years later than that recorded in the 2014 data.

Additionally, the nation's birthrate for chil-

dren born to teens has gone down dramatically, with less than 25 births per 100,000 teens in 2016, compared to around 93 per 100,000 teens in the late 1990s. The birthrate

for older moms is also rising: For women above the age of 34, the birthrate increased to around 53 births per 1,000 women (in 2015, it was around 52).

What's accounting for the shift? Perhaps the stigma attached to having children later in life is dissipating, along with a shift in priorities for women toward careers over earlier motherhood.

While there are certainly risks to being pregnant later in life, a 2017 study from the London School of Economics found that kids of older mothers are often smarter than those born to younger moms. Interestingly, a 2016 study published in Population and Development Review revealed that these kids born to older moms are healthier, taller and, as in the 2017 study, smarter to boot. We're all for doing what's right for you, but if you're thinking about waiting to have a kid until later in your adulthood, all this news is certainly enticing.



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Cuomo initiative to protect NY tenants wins court backing

A New York state judge has upheld the legal authority of the Tenant Protection Unit, a key initiative of Gov. Andrew Cuomo to protect rent-regulated tenants from overcharges, harassment and intimidation by unscrupulous landlords.

Cuomo on Tuesday called the decision by State Supreme Court Justice Richard Velasquez in Brooklyn, which also upheld other tenant protections adopted in 2014, a victory for the more than two million rent-regulated tenants in the state.

The tenant protection unit was created within the state's Division of Housing and Community Renewal in 2012, pursuant to a law adopted the prior year that curbed



Gov. Andrew Cuomo GETTY IMAGES

landlords' ability to raise rents and charge market rates by deregulating units.

Then in 2014, the DHCR adopted additional tenant protections, such as when landlords fail to provide required services or try to raise rents after upgrading apartments.

Several building owners and landlord groups

including the Rent Stabilization Association sued in February 2014, saying the changes deprived them of safeguards without due process and improperly delegated legislative power to the DHCR.

But in his May 31 decision, which lawyers received on Friday, Velasquez said the DHCR did not "usurp" legislative authority, and landlords still enjoyed "a fair and meaningful opportunity" to defend against claims of willful overcharges.

Sherwin Belkin, a lawyer for the plaintiffs, in an interview called the 2014 changes "faulty," and said "we are of course disappointed in the court's decision." He said his clients are weighing their next legal steps. **REUTERS**



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Why Knee Arthritis Sufferers Of Almost All Ages Are Opting For Newest Medical Procedures Before Surgery . . .

Fraction of the cost, minimal risk and little to no downtime amongst top reasons

By Matt Edgar

America's Health Writer

New York City - Everyone has said it at one time or another. If I had only known about "this" sooner - things would be very different today.

That's what many knee arthritis pain sufferers are saying about this technology and treatment.

*"We all know that countless lives are being saved every year because of early detection and better treatment" noted the clinic director at the **NY Pain MD** in New York City. "The same holds true for treating arthritis pain. I believe we are having so much success at **NY Pain MD** because of two factors: One is we are using advanced medical technology and treatments a lot of clinics do not use. And second, the word has spread to our community and so many knee arthritis sufferers are coming in sooner. And the earlier we can treat knee arthritis - the better the results. The key to trying to avoid knee replacement surgery is doing the correct treatment as soon as possible"*

What is the "correct treatment?"

"That depends," said the director. "There is no one answer when it comes to medical conditions. Knee arthritis is no different. That's why, if you have knee pain, you should have it evaluated by a doctor who deals with and treats knee pain every day," added the director.

For many knee arthritis pain sufferers the right treatment is Viscosupplementation whereby a preparation of Hyaluronic acid a gel-like FDA approved medicine is applied directly into the knee joint using *Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology*.

Hyaluronic acid is the natural lubricant and shock absorber of your joints and is found to be decreased in arthritis sufferers. This is similar to running your car without oil. Obviously, the sooner you put oil back in the car - the less damage will be done. That's why some doctors feel early viscosupplementation gets the best results and is so important for avoiding surgery.

The director believes one of the most important factors for the success of viscosupplementation is making sure you are getting it into the joint space precisely. That's why the doctors at **NY Pain MD** use advanced imaging technology to apply *Precision Arthritis Targeting* during every treatment.

A device called the "C-Arm" allows the doctor to see into the joint and actually watch the medicine be applied exactly where it is supposed to. Research shows that performing procedures without Precision Arthritis Targeting (P.A.T.T.) can result in missing the joint space as much as 30% of the time. If you had viscosupplementation treatments without Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology and did not get good results - this may be why.



"If you have knee arthritis pain, viscosupplementation might be the answer you are looking for. The keys are not wait, get a good evaluation from an expert and make sure precision arthritis targeting is used to make sure you have the best chance for success."

Can This Be Avoided? Total knee replacement is serious surgery requiring months of rehabilitation. Some doctors think modern treatments done early enough can keep baby boomers from going under the knife.



Normal Pain-Free Knee Joint **Everyone Wants Proof:**

In the artist simulated drawings, picture #1 is a normal, pain-free knee. There is no arthritis and the knee can move and bend freely without pain.



Knee With Painful Arthritis **Pain -**

Illustration shown is a knee joint with painful osteoarthritis. Arthritis causes the joint space to decrease, grinding, stiffness, decreased motion, bone spurs, swelling and a lot of pain.



Research Shows Doctors Miss The Joint Space Up To 30% Of The Time Without Advanced Imaging **Failed Treatment -**

The injection (Lubrication medicine) misses the joint space. Research shows this occurs up to 30% of the time without the use of the digital imaging to guide the injection. This is why lubrication medicine may not have worked for you



Lubrication Medicine Injected Directly Into Knee Joint Like "Joint Oil" using Precision Targeting Technology **Successful Treatment -**

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When introduced directly into your knee joint, it is like squirting oil on a rusty door hinge.

Viscosupplementation allows your joints to glide more smoothly eliminating a lot of the rubbing, grinding and pain.

Can Supplements Do The Same Thing?

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Why You Should Try This Even If You've Already Had Similar Treatments Without Results...

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NY Pain MD is a state of the art medical facility offering nly the best technology.



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How To Find Out If It Can Help You?

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Man charged with threats to Jewish groups pleads guilty

A former journalist charged with calling in bomb threats to Jewish centers as part of a plot to get revenge on his ex-girlfriend pleaded guilty Tuesday to cyberstalking and making hoax threats.

Juan Thompson, 32, entered his plea before U.S. District Judge Kevin Castel in Manhattan federal court.

Showing little emotion, Thompson admitted that starting in 2016, he sent emails and faxes to his former romantic partner's employer containing false and salacious claims, and sent bomb threats to community centers, for which he tried to frame her.

"I committed all of these acts with the intent to disrupt my

ex-romantic partner's life and cause her great distress," he said. "For this, I deeply apologize."

One of Thompson's lawyers, Mark Gombiner, said in court that he had agreed not to appeal any sentence of 46 months or less.

Thompson was arrested in St. Louis, Missouri, on March 3, and has been in custody since then, charged with one count of cyberstalking. A second count of making hoax bomb threats was added in a superseding criminal information revealed on Tuesday.

Federal prosecutors said Thompson engaged in a vicious, months-long harassment campaign against his ex-girlfriend, using various email accounts to accuse her of possessing child pornography, driving drunk and, finally, making bomb threats targeting Jewish groups.

Thompson made some threats in his own name and then accused his ex-girlfriend of framing him, and made other threats posing as her,



Thompson WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

prosecutors said.

Authorities have been investigating a surge of threats against Jewish organizations, including more than 100 bomb threats against community centers in dozens of states in separate waves since January.

The organizations Thompson threatened included a Jewish museum in New York and the Anti-Defamation League, according to a criminal complaint in Manhattan federal court. All occurred after the first flood of phone threats in early January.

Thompson was a reporter for the Intercept news website, which fired him last year saying he invented sources and quotes. **REUTERS**

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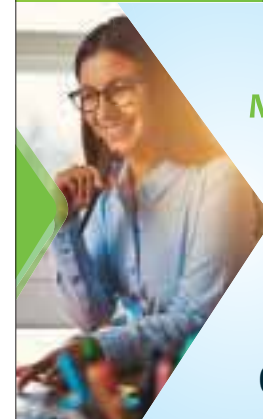
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Rolling Stone to pay Virginia fraternity \$1.65M in defamation suit

Rolling Stone magazine has agreed to pay \$1.65 million to a University of Virginia fraternity to settle a defamation lawsuit over the publication's debunked article about an alleged gang rape on campus, the fraternity said on Tuesday.

The Virginia Alpha Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, which was implicated in the 2014 story, which was retracted, said it would donate a significant portion of the settlement proceeds to groups providing services to combat sexual assault on college campuses.

No other terms of the agreement were provided in the fraternity's online announcement of the deal but a spokesman for Phi Kappa Psi, Brian Ellis, confirmed



The Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house on the University of Virginia campus
GETTY IMAGES

the sum to be paid in return for dismissal of the suit was \$1.65 million.

The original lawsuit sought \$25 million in damages.

Rolling Stone representatives declined comment except to say the settlement had just been reached and has not yet been entered in court.

The fraternity's defamation claims against

the magazine and the article's author, Sabrina Rubin Erdely, had been due to go to trial in October.

The settlement brings to an end the last of several lawsuits sparked by the "A Rape on Campus" article, which described the alleged sexual assault on a freshman woman during a fraternity party at the University of Virginia's Charlottesville campus in 2012.

The article stoked a national debate about sexual assault on U.S. college campuses, where by some estimates one in five female students will become a victim before graduating, and fueled perceptions of fraternity culture as dangerously permissive and predatory. REUTERS



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Upscale Neiman Marcus shelves plans for a sale

Upscale retailer Neiman Marcus Group said it had terminated any talks regarding a partial or full sale of the company, nearly three months after embarking on a plan seeking strategic alternatives.

The news comes days after the Wall Street Journal reported that talks between Saks Fifth Avenue owner Hudson's Bay Co. and Neiman Marcus regarding a potential combination had stalled.

"While looking ahead, we know challenges remain, but we are encouraged by the strategies we have in place to improve our operational efficiencies and performance," Chief Executive Karen Katz said on a postearnings call.

Neiman, struggling to seek relief from a swelling debt load, hired investment bank Lazard Ltd. to bolster its balance sheet, Reuters reported in March, as the company continued to struggle with lackluster demand

in the face of stiff competition from Amazon.com Inc. and fast-fashion retailers such as H&M and Zara.

Much of Neiman Marcus' debt load stems from its \$6 billion leveraged buyout in 2013, when its current owners, Ares Management LP and Canadian public pension fund CPPIB, acquired it from other private equity firms.

Neiman Marcus had total liabilities of \$6.4 billion, including \$1.2 billion of deferred

income taxes according to its latest annual filing.

The company on Tuesday reported its fourth straight quarterly loss, and posted a nearly 5 percent dip in same-store sales for the third quarter ending April 29.

Retailers have struggled to cope with changes in consumer tastes as shoppers increasingly shop online or spend on travel and big-ticket home improvement items and less on apparel and accessories. **REUTERS**

Georgia police hunt escaped inmates after two guards are killed



Ricky Dubose, left, and Donnie Russell Rowe **GEORGIA CORRECTIONS HANDOUT**

Police in Georgia were searching Tuesday for two armed inmates who escaped from a prison transport after overpowering and disarming their guards, both of whom were shot dead, authorities said.

The guards were transporting prisoners at 5:45 a.m. in Putnam County, about 70 miles southeast of Atlanta, when inmates Donnie Rowe, 43, and Ricky Dubose, 24, disarmed them, the sheriff's office said in a statement.

One of the inmates shot and killed both officers, police said, adding that Rowe and Dubose are believed to be armed with the officers' .40-caliber Glock pistols.

After killing the guards, the inmates approached a dark green Honda Civic that was stopped nearby and demanded the driver give them the car, Putnam

County Sheriff spokeswoman Teresa Slade said.

"This guy happened to be driving up at the wrong time," Slade said of the motorist, adding that he was not injured during the carjacking.

The Georgia Department of Corrections said both slain officers worked at Baldwin State Prison in Hardwick, Georgia. It named them as Curtis Billue, who joined the department in 2007, and Christopher Monica, who was hired in 2009.

Rowe had been in Baldwin State Prison since June 2002 serving a life sentence without parole for armed robbery and other offenses.

Dubose had been in prison since July 2015 for crimes including armed robbery and was not due for release until 2034, according to the corrections department. **REUTERS**



Ricky Dubose **GEORGIA CORRECTIONS HANDOUT**

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The 'Bachelor in Paradise' story gets worse

On Monday, news broke that production on "Bachelor in Paradise" had been halted after accusations of sexual misconduct came out. Now, more disturbing details are arising — with one contestant saying she did not consent to the filmed sexual encounter.

Contestant Corinne Olympios says she was blacked out when things got sexual with

"The Bachelorette" alum DeMario Jackson. And, according to TMZ, she blames the producers for not pulling the plug and protecting her.

Apparently, after the alleged swimming-pool incident — which saw what TMZ delicately calls "intense rubbing" and a series of sex acts, but not actual intercourse between Corinne and DeMario — fel-

low cast members began telling Corinne about what happened with DeMario, and that they had voiced concern to producers. Corinne says she remembers nothing.

This is messed up on so many levels. Here's hoping Corinne isn't simply seen as a girl who was asking for it — because no matter what, women are never "just asking for it."



Corinne Olympios is at the center of this horrible, horrible thing.

ScarJo is still making out with that 'SNL' dude

Scarlett Johansson sure has interesting taste in men, y'all. Apparently, she and Colin Jost, host

of "Weekend Update," are still a thing.

Page Six reports that the two kept it "chill"

on a "hot" date night over the weekend. Ugh.

The "Rough Night" star and Jost enjoyed drinks in Manhattan — Johansson downed a couple of Manhattans, atta girl! And Jost ordered a single speciality cocktail. I totally see Colin Jost as a dude who orders a singular house cocktail. Typical.

They were also "nice" and "holding hands" according to a spy. Sounds special.

I mean, if Johansson and Jost are holding hands while dining, things are probably pretty serious. I personally wouldn't let someone's sweaty palm get in the way of a good meal — but hey! That's just me.

But good luck to these two, I guess? I mean, I'm not convinced this isn't some sort of elaborate ruse, but still.



If it makes you happy, ScarJo.

Julia Stiles is having a baby!

You may remember Julia Stiles from such influential, groundbreaking films as "10 Things I Hate About You" or "Save the Last Dance." She was also in some of those Bourne movies, but I like to remember her when she was at her prime — as a modern day so-called shrew making out with Heath Ledger; or as a ballet dancer who chooses hip-hop and interracial love over weekly therapy and hanging out with

Kerry Washington.

Anyway, Stiles is 36 years old now. My, how time flies! Oh, and she's got a gut full of baby. That's right: She's pregnant! People broke the news, reporting that

Stiles and her fiancé, Preston J. Cook, will welcome their first child later this year.

The couple met on the set of the 2015 film "Go With Me," where Cook worked as a camera assistant. Also? They've been engaged since Christmas Eve 2015 and they're like, in no rush to get married or whatever.

Once again, bravo to those citizens brave enough to have a baby under Trump's rule.

So brave. Couldn't be me!



The star of your favorite early aughts movies is going to be a mom.

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Kris Jenner is worried sick about her grandchildren



"Haters are gonna hate."

eled shell of her former self. "Kim leads the pack, and she's the queen of thick skin. She counsels everybody else."

And yes, she worries that being rich and famous will get her grandchildren bullied. "It's my grandchildren who I worry about because ... they don't have a choice. And I worry, I do, because it is such a bullying environment."

On (and coming up with) the art of shilling one's family for fame and money and recognition. "It's so heightened and, you know, haters are gonna hate. You expect it now."

Yep, Kris Jenner's philosophy can be boiled down to "haters going to hate," which honestly? Is true.

Kristen Mary Jenner just spends her nights a-worrying about her family. The Kardashiana-Jenner matriarch, you see, is specifically concerned that her grandchildren will be bullied because of their great burden of riches and fame.

Kris sat down with

The Hollywood Reporter for its reality-TV roundtable, and discussed various facets of her show, and all those dang fears.

On how her royal rule will pass down to Kimberly one of these days, but only once she's a shriv-

The powerful Latinas of 'Orange Is the New Black'

These women are at the front and center of the most-intense season yet.

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This season of "Orange Is the New Black" is the most intense yet. The entire plot takes place over the course of three chaotic days in Litchfield Prison. And according to Dascha Polanco, Litchfield's idealistic Dayanara Diaz, the series is going bigger than ever.

We sat down with Polanco, as well as Selenis Leyva (Gloria Mendoza) and Jackie Cruz (Marisol "La Flaca" Gonzalez) to talk about what they've learned from the series, politics in prison and showing the powerful side of Latinas on television.

So many stars of this show are powerful



The season starts with a tense standoff and a gun in Daya's (Dascha Polanco) hand. NETFLIX



Selenis Leyva as the fiercely protective Gloria Mendoza. NETFLIX

Latinas. How do you think that has changed television?

Jackie Cruz: I think it started with our show, because we were the first ones. People saw how powerful Latinas could be in a role.

Selenis Leyva: Netflix is breaking down barriers. Women in leading roles is something that goes way beyond what Hollywood is used to doing, and I think that's why Netflix is so successful: Empowered women are something that hasn't been seen a lot.

Do you feel a responsibility in telling these stories that have to do with politics and society?

Dascha Polanco: The writers have been able to touch on these issues in an indirect way. Being able to be a Latina right now, outside of statistics and stereotypes, is very important — not falling into the negative. We have to prove that we're part of the United States' DNA.

What have you learned from the prison universe?

JC: I feel like each season educates us a little more about the life these women live, and how corrupt and manipulative that world can become.

SL: Life can become really political in prison. After the initial success of "Orange Is the New Black," we started working with several associations that support women who now have a second chance. And their stories have surprised me. A lot of what happens in the series is really common — the relationships with the

guards, the hierarchies.

This season is more intense than ever. How do you do not let it affect you off-set?

SL: You never know when something is going to affect you and how. There were some scenes that were difficult for me and affected me a lot — so much so that even when I got home I had to avoid certain subjects.

Did you ever imagine that you would have so much success?

SL: We never imagined

it. Sometimes it's still hard to believe. Now, we're recognizable, so we've been able to take advantage to help different causes — like what we do with the LGBT community, the Women's Prison Association, different children's associations and even fashion.

DP: There's also all the benefits we've gained, like getting into restaurants faster or getting an extra glass of wine on flights. [They laugh.] It's really a good thing, indeed.

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Mary Steenburgen laughs through pain

The Oscar winner talks about Demetri Martin's "Dean" and remembers the late Jonathan Demme.



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Mary Steenburgen has worked with some of the world's most serious filmmakers. But she also has a thing for jokesters, like Will Ferrell ("Elf," "Step Brothers") and Will Forte (on TV's "The Last Man on Earth," recently renewed for a fourth season). Now she's been directed by Demetri Martin, for the comic-actor's new indie dramedy "Dean."

"I'm very drawn to funny people. I married a funny person," Steen-



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Mary Steenburgen plays a woman who winds up going on dates with a recently widowed man (Kevin Kline) in Demetri Martin's "Dean," now in theaters. CBS FILMS

burgen says, referring to her spouse of 22 years, Ted Danson.

But what the Oscar-winning actress, 64, likes even more than funny people is when

comedy is used seriously. That's what happens in "Dean." It revolves around Martin's title character — an artist whose mom has just died, leaving him and his father (Kevin Kline) devastated. Unsure how to deal, Dean whimsically decides to fly to L.A., where he gets involved with a woman (Gillian Jacobs). Meanwhile, his dad finds himself drawn to someone else, too: a real estate agent played

by Steenburgen.

For Steenburgen, the material hit close to home. It made her think of when her own dad died, when she was 35.

"That seems like you'd be old enough to deal with it," she explains. "But I was going through a divorce and I had two little kids. [My father] was one of the rocks in my life. It felt like the men in my life were all vanishing. So I remember every single thing

Stop making sense

Talking to Steenburgen about some of the great, funny men in her life inevitably leads us to talk about Jonathan Demme, the filmmaker who directed her Oscar-winning performance in 1980's "Melvin and Howard," and who cast her again in 1993's "Philadelphia." Demme passed away in late April, robbing us of one of the great, goofy humanists of the movies. (He also made "Stop Making Sense," "Something Wild" and "The Silence of the Lambs.")

Like most people who knew him, Steenburgen gushes about Demme's warmth, his love of people, his silly sense of humor. "He was soulful. No surprise he made films about music, because he had a very musical soul," she says. "He loved women. He made us feel beautiful and sexy and utterly respected, all at the same time."

Dean was going through — feeling like, 'Could I just get on a plane and get away from all this?'

Steenburgen says she loves movies and TV that deal with pain in humorous ways. She feels "Dean" is similar to "The Last Man on Earth," in which she plays Gail, a former restaurateur trying to eke by after the apocalypse. It allows her to work with another funny person, star Will Forte, who's not that

different from Martin.

"Both of those men have minds that don't follow the group trajectory. They're off on their own unique ways of thinking," she says. "For me, that creative edge is my favorite place to be — that edge where you don't know if somebody's going to say, 'We need you to play Devo's "Whip It" on the accordion!" (Steenburgen really does play the accordion.)

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Beers of the summer

Cool off with a refreshing pour from one of these five local breweries.



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When you're drinking beer in the summer, you want a brew that goes down easy, but still has flavor. You can do better than a watered down Miller Lite, but you're also not trying to drink a stout or a supper dank IPA. While there is no clear definition for a

"summer beer," anything refreshing and not too heavy will do the trick. Pilsners, sessionable, citrusy IPAs, saisons, fruit-infused lagers and sours are all seasonably appropriate. While you're picking out a pour, why not support one of New York's local breweries? We picked five locally brewed craft beers, from special seasonal releases, to year-round brews that hit the spot right now, to put on your summer drinking list. (Note: check Beermenus.com for the most up-to-date availability.)

Montauk Brewing Co. Watermelon Session Ale

This craft brewery may be based out of The End, but you'll find their cans stocked at grocery stores and bodegas and on tap at bars throughout Brooklyn, Manhattan and Queens. Their newest release, the watermelon session ale, is an American IPA with a good balance of hops and fruit. Which makes for easy, flavorful drinking. (The watermelon is subtle, avoiding that saccharine, candy taste of some fruity brews.) Bonus: the can is a millennial pink that will look great on a sandy beach, and on Instagram, if you must. If you try to steer clear of any fruit in your beer, try their summer ale, a refreshing, malty/wheaty blend available from March through August.



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SingleCut Kim Hibiscus Sour Lager

Fans of sour beer will want to try out this tart offering from Astoria's SingleCut Brewery. The sour is nicely complemented by the herbal and flowery hibiscus notes, and it's also infused with black currant, which lends a little bitterness to it. The wheat malt makes it just sweet and dry enough.

War Flag American Pilsner

This dry, grassy pour is perfect for a park day. Brewed at East Williamsburg's War Flag Brewery, it's serious business: According to the brewery, they created it in order to "bring back the amazing American flavor lost over the last half century." Whoa. Drink it and decide if you think they've succeeded! The star-spangled snake on the label will scare you into thinking straight.



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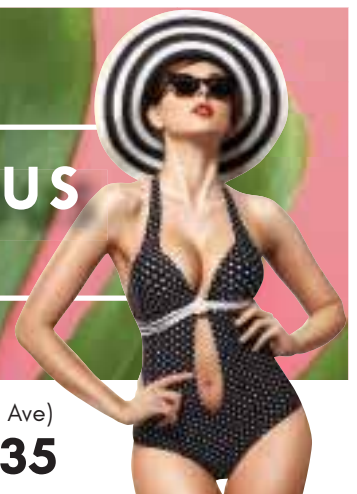
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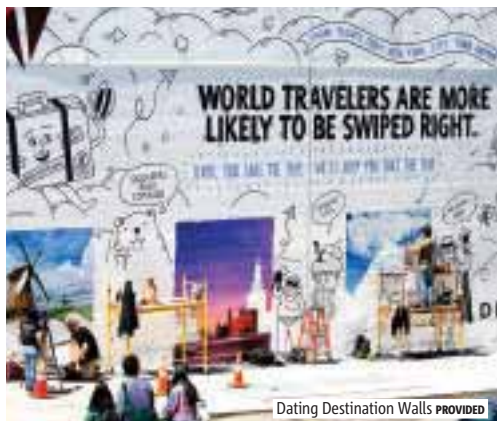


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Williamsburg has a new mural to remind you that you're single and broke.



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Single and broke? You're probably not spending a lot of time in Williamsburg anyway, and this new mural is here to remind you why.

The Dating Destination Walls at the corner of North 10th Street and Wythe Avenue are a collaboration between Delta Air Lines and Tinder, just so you know where we're starting from. "Accord-

ing to singles research" — sounds legit — "1 in 3 singles ranked travel as a top priority in 2017, and singles who show a love for travel are more likely to be swiped right."

Unfortunately for those singles (and the rest of us, let's be real), the cost of living in NYC probably makes travel that item at the top of your to-do list that rarely gets done.

So instead of actually going places, you can now pretend you've climbed the stairs to the Eiffel Tower and ridden a train through the Swiss Alps by posing in painted portraits of famous sites on the wall. Just hope

any potential Tinder matches don't actually ask you about them!



Then again, what about NYC isn't about faking it till you make it? Pretending to be a world

traveler doesn't even rank on the list of things people lie about to get laid. It may even be a bit original — Modern Love hasn't covered this one yet, right?

You've got all summer to take aspirational selfies, or swing by on June 17 when a professional photographer will take photos that may even land you a real globetrotter who'll take you far away from the subway saunas and bedbugs of Brooklyn.

Wait, maybe we shouldn't wait for a Tinder sugar daddy and just get on the first Delta flight out of LaGuardia.

Blueberries take over the city

Just in time for this week's heat wave, one of summer's favorite flavors is taking over the city's ice cream shops.

This week, Maine's organic wild blueberry farm Josh Pond has shipped an early crop of their antioxidant-packed berries to ice cream and gelato shops around the city for a week of special flavors to welcome summer.

Wild blueberries are already well-loved in kitchens looking to add a summer touch to their menus, like the seasonal lobster salad from Luke's Lobster and the pies at Clinton Street Baking Co. They also have about half the sugar of regular blueberries and a more concentrated flavor, so mixing them with sweet cream sounds like a perfect combination.

Here are the participating shops and their special flavors, only available from now

through Sunday, June 18.

Morgenstern's (2 Rivington St.) — Wild Blueberry Vegan Soft Serve, Blueberry Cheesecake Ice Cream

Chinatown Ice Cream Factory (65 Bayard St.) — Blueberry Cheesecake Ice Cream

Davey's Ice Cream (137 First Ave., 201 Bedford Ave., Williamsburg) — Ice cream made with Adegger cheese and blueberry preserves

Il Laboratorio del Gelato (188 Ludlow St.) — Blueberry Gelato

Melt Bakery (meltbakery.com) — Blueberry Ice Cream + Shortcake Sugar Cookies

Mikey Likes It (199 Ave. A) — Blues Brothers "Daddy Mac" (blueberry ice cream with cheese and smoked almonds) served in a corn blueberry waffle

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If there's one thing that unites the residents of 15 Central Park West, it is — as ABBA would sing —

“money, money, money.”

The famed Manhattan condo building is filled with bankers, hedge funders, business tycoons, foreign billionaires and household names. Musician Sting owns, and is trying to part with, his duplex at the building for \$56 million. Hedge-fund manager Daniel Loeb paid a record-breaking \$45 million for his pad back in 2005, long before the

building was completed. And Bob Diamond, the former CEO of Barclays, has just found a buyer for his penthouse, which was asking \$59 million.

Unit 8B, the apartment LLNYC toured for the latest installment of our Big Open House series, is no exception. According to city records, it's owned by corporate lawyer Gerald E. Ross. He recently listed the unit for \$33 million,

after paying a little more than \$11 million in 2007 under Victory East LLC.

According to StreetEasy, the condo has been on the market for 114 days, but Compass broker Jacques Cohen, who has the listing, tells us it's had a swanky new look for around three weeks. The new look comes courtesy of Cheryl Eisen, founder and CEO of staging company Interior Marketing

Group.

The 3,478-square-foot apartment is now full of plush, neutral-colored furniture, statement accessories and bursts of accent color that make the space seem approachable and oh-so-livable.

Plus, it boasts oak herringbone floors, 10-foot-high ceilings, and, elsewhere in the building, a private wine cellar that will hold

1,000 bottles. But it's the views that make the best impression.

The Robert A.M. Stern-designed building is divided into two sections: the “house” section (the shorter building closest to the park) and the tower section, which juts up behind. 8B is in the house section, which means the views in question are prime Central Park.

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The unit features stunning view of Central Park.



15 Central Park West

A new look includes plush, neutral-colored furniture.

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Empty storefronts plague Westfield's WTC mall

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Over the Memorial Day weekend, the World Trade Center mall buzzed with tourists who crowded its stairs and peered up from the floor of the main hall to gaze upon Santiago Calatrava's marble Oculus.

But nearly a year after Westfield Corp. unveiled the long-delayed first phase of its \$1.5 billion

shopping complex, the World Trade Center mall remains littered with vacant storefronts.

While Westfield announced that the entire 290,000 square feet of Phase 1 had been leased when the mall opened in August, roughly 20 percent of the space remains empty and unopened, according to calculations by The Real Deal. A spokesperson for the company declined to comment.

Many storefronts are covered over with wrappers directing shoppers out of the underground

portion of the mall and up to the Eatly market on the third floor of Silverstein Properties' 4 World Trade Center. And as Westfield works alongside Silverstein on the second, 75,000-square-foot phase in the base of 3 World Trade Center — expected to be completed in 2018 or 2019 — the Australian-based mall REIT is rushing to get delayed stores open and is trying to correct the perception of the project as a transit hub and a retail afterthought.

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Westfield's WTC mall still has vacancies almost a year after opening. GETTY IMAGES

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Meet the Mets, Yankees 1st-round picks of MLB draft

Both New York baseball clubs chose pitchers during the opening round of the 2017 draft.



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While the Mets and Yankees picked up wins on Monday night, their front offices were busy away from the field thanks to the first round of the 2017 MLB draft.

Both local clubs decided to use their picks to restock their talent on the mound as the Yankees picked 16th overall and the Mets 20th.

Here is what you need to know about their selections:

Yankees: Clarke Schmidt, RHP, South Carolina (NCAA)

6-foot-1, 200 pounds, 21 years old

The selection of Schmidt does bring a bit of a risk to the Yankees. While there was little debate that he is a first-round talent, Schmidt hurt his elbow nine starts into the 2017 season and was forced to undergo Tommy John surgery.

It was by far his most successful stint in college as he posted a 1.34 ERA in 60 innings while striking out 70 batters.

His velocity continued to increase as he matured. From throwing just under 90 mph in high school, Schmidt's fastball was

ranging between 92-96 mph before his injury.

There are secondary pitches available in a solid slider, but his change-up needs to be worked on and included in his repertoire a bit more.

However, the Yankees will have to wait and see where they could legitimately slot Schmidt once he returns to health. If he remains durable and improves on his secondary pitches, he could be a third or fourth starter. If not, I would expect to see him coming out of the bullpen.

Mets: David Peterson, LHP, Oregon (NCAA)

6-foot-6, 240 pounds, 21 years old



The Yankees drafted injured pitcher Clarke Schmidt with the 16th pick of the 2017 MLB draft. GETTY IMAGES

It's not much of a surprise that the Mets took a pitcher with their first-round choice considering this is an organization that has always been focused on culminating talent on the hill.

But you might not find a more imposing figure than Oregon's David Peterson given his stature.

The Mets have acquired one of the best strikeout artists in college baseball as the Oregon product was an untouch-

able marksman for most of the season.

Going 11-4 with a 2.51 ERA, Peterson struck out 140 batters in 100.1 innings of work while surrendering just 15 walks. The junior picked up a school record 20 of those in an April game against Arizona State in which he recorded a complete-game shutout.

His strikeout-to-walk ratio of 9.33 ranked fourth-best in the nation. However, the three arms

before him had only 109, 95 and 52 punchouts respectively.

He doesn't have the most overpowering stuff, which doesn't fit the mold of the Mets' current core of starters, and will have to rely on his developing secondary pitches which includes a low 80s slider, a solid change-up falling in that same range and a slow, severe-breaking curveball which has to be improved on.

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With the NBA Finals over, big-name free agents and trade targets could change the landscape of the league in the coming months.



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Paul George will stay with the Pacers ... for now
Free agency is looming for Pacers star guard Paul George.

The summer of 2018 will see him become a restricted free agent before going unrestricted in 2019. It's highly unlikely that he will re-sign with the Pacers, making him an intriguing trade target for teams looking to add a premier scorer.

However, the general consensus around the league is that the Califor-

nia native wants to make a return to his home state and play for the Lakers. For other teams looking to trade for George, there's no point in giving up vital assets just to get the four-time All-Star for a year or two.

Knicks will trade Carmelo Anthony to the Celtics

The Celtics can have anything they want at this point. With the No. 1 overall pick in the 2017 NBA draft, they could select Markelle Fultz or deal the pick for someone like Bulls guard Jimmy Butler or even George.

If the Celtics keep the pick and are looking for an added scoring punch, Carmelo Anthony is there for the taking in New York.

For Celtics fans saying they don't want his brand of "hero ball" in Beantown, getting a player that can average 20-plus

points per game could do wonders in actually keeping up with the Cavaliers in the postseason.

The Knicks shouldn't be too picky on what they get in return, though I would push hard for Jae Crowder to be included.

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Warriors will keep their Golden assets

Stephen Curry is an unrestricted free agent this summer while Kevin Durant has a player option within his two-year, \$54.2 million deal signed last summer. But don't cancel the celebrations in Oakland.

Curry is bound to get one of the biggest con-

tracts ever, which could sap Golden State's funds to sign Durant to the maximum contract extension he is eligible for after playing in his 10th NBA season.

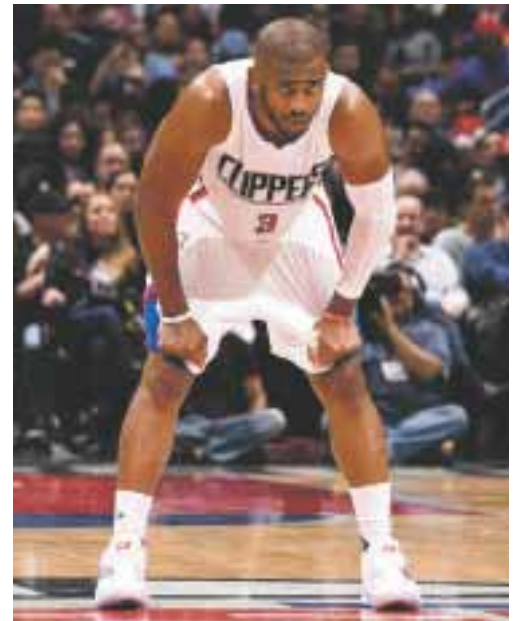
But sources around the NBA told ESPN that Durant is willing to take a pay cut in order to keep the Warriors powerhouse together. That means we will see Golden State domination for a long, long time.

Chris Paul will go to San Antonio

Clippers guard Chris Paul isn't getting any younger and his team isn't getting any better.

For the third time in five years, Lob City was knocked out in the first round of the Western Conference playoffs with a largely unchanged roster.

The 31-year-old has an early-termination option



Los Angeles Clippers guard Chris Paul could be on the move. GETTY IMAGES

in his contract with the Clippers and could very well take it in order to join a more legitimate contender.

Enter the Spurs, who apparently will receive a long, hard look from Paul this offseason, according to Marc Stein of ESPN.

The Spurs would have to clear considerable financial space to make room for him, but a veteran floor general of his caliber joining the likes of Kawhi Leonard and LaMarcus Aldridge makes the Warriors' stranglehold on the West look a little less tight.

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THE JETS HAVE TO SUCK FOR SAM

OPINION



MARC MALUSIS
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I love what the Jets are doing. Let all the pundits around the country mock and laugh about their roster. Let them joke that the Jets season is already over. Pay them no mind because the Jets will have the last laugh.

There is gold at the end of this journey. Let me explain.

I get it wasn't the perfect timing to let go of a stalwart linebacker like David Harris. It was a stunning move especially after the 10-year veteran had participated at OTAs and even met with the media the day he was cut. He was owed \$6.5 million dollars in the final year of his contract and the money was not guaranteed. They reportedly tried to work down that number, but talks broke down and

they cut Harris. Were they being fair to Harris? No, not at all. But fair has nothing to do with it.

They should have treated him better. Harris has been a good Jet off the field and a really productive player on the field. He deserved better, for sure.

With that being said, the Jets realized they can be bad with Harris and can be just as bad or even worse without him. So, why not save some money in the process? Same thing rings true for Eric Decker, who was cut on Monday.

The Jets are deciding to part ways with talented players, but are Harris and potentially Decker difference makers? At this stage of their careers, no. They will also not be part of the long-term solution, either. So there was no point in moving forward with either player.

The Jets can be 2-14 with them or 1-15 without them, they are now competing for something else and it's not wins.



USC quarterback Sam Darnold could be the prize for a horrible 2017 New York Jets campaign. GETTY IMAGES

The Jets are going to be really bad next year. The reason they have embraced that, and so should you, is because next year represents a strong draft class at the QB position with USC's Sam Darnold topping the list.

He can elect to stay in college after this season, but not many players

would come back when you are expected to be the top overall selection.

When you don't have a franchise quarterback, it is next to impossible to win consistently in the NFL. You search each and every season trying to find that guy to be the guy for your squad. When you have a player with

the ability of Darnold, it makes sense to take the hit for a season in order to hopefully set your team up for the next 10.

There is not much disagreement on the talent level of Darnold. He is great and his arm is ridiculous.

Just check out his Rose Bowl performance against

Penn State this past season.

When you have that caliber of player potentially available, you "tank."

I know that might be tough to swallow if you are a season ticket holder and are invested financially and emotionally in this organization. After all, we are all taught from a very young age to never say never. You always need to compete and you can never give up.

All of that motivational jargon does play when, or should I say if, I am at the gym trying to get myself going on the treadmill to work up a sweat. In reality, you need to be fair and realistic.

For general manager Mike Maccagnan, I think he has done that when looking at his Jets roster. Quite simply, they are not a good football team. The team outlook can change with a franchise signal caller and Darnold represents that guy.

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TRUST 2007-AR5;
MORTGAGE PASS-
THROUGH CERTIFICATES,
SERIES 2007-AR5;
Plaintiff(s) vs.
FAITH ESIMAI; et al;
Defendant(s)
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s):
ROSICKI, ROSICKI &
ASSOCIATES, P.C.,
2 Summit Court, Suite 301,
Fishkill, NY 12524,
845.897.1600.

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SUPREME COURT, located at
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JAMAICA, NEW YORK
11435. On July 7, 2017 at
10:00 am. Premises known as
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ALBANS, NY 11412,
Block: 10945 Lot: 127.
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or parcel of land, situate, lying
and being in the Borough and
County of Queens the City and
State of New York. As more
particularly described in the
judgment of foreclosure sale.
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INDEX NO. 14097/12
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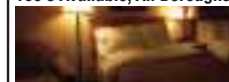
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LEGAL NOTICES**NOTICE OF SALE**

SUPREME COURT:
QUEENS COUNTY
JP MORGAN CHASE BANK
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION;
Plaintiff(s) vs. ROSE NEDGEE
JOLIDAS; et al;
Defendant(s)
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s):
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Approximate amount of judgment
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David Dikman, Esq., Referee

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT:
QUEENS COUNTY
FEDERAL NATIONAL
MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION;
Plaintiff(s) vs. BARBARA A WHITNEY;
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SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS,
38-12 ASTORIA BLVD
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Defendant(s). Pursuant to a
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Across

- 1 Posh
- 7 Chess piece
- 10 Leap in a tutu
- 14 Make bubbly
- 15 Wyo. neighbor
- 16 Mystique
- 17 Genghis Khan was one
- 18 Detergent brand
- 19 Crow
- 20 Home made of glass (2 wds.)
- 23 Plant firmly
- 26 Above, in verse
- 27 Bridal path?
- 28 Tamper with dice
- 29 Recipe word
- 30 Horse color
- 31 Morticia's hairy cousin
- 32 River craft
- 33 Domain
- 37 Aah's companion
- 38 Lemon cooler
- 39 Colony member
- 40 Sapporo sash
- 41 Honeysuckle aid
- 43 -- relief
- 44 Library abbr.
- 45 Elev.
- 46 Absent-minded murmur
- 47 Scallion kin
- 48 Usual weather
- 51 -- choy
- 52 Smart-mouthed

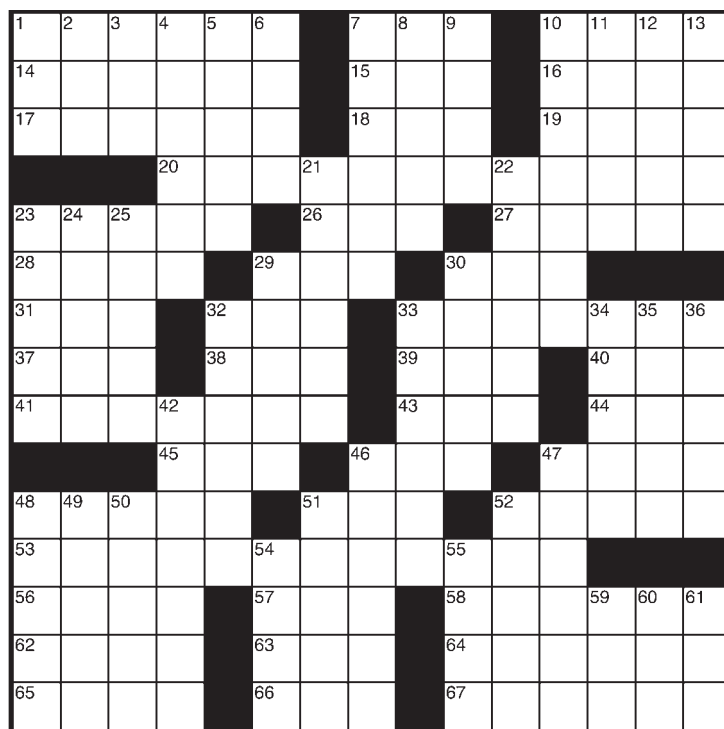
- 53 Uncertainties
- 56 John, in Siberia
- 57 Museum contents
- 58 Glib speech
- 62 Scored more
- 63 Not sm. or med.
- 64 Peace maker
- 65 Jiffies
- 66 Always, to the bard
- 67 Play the siren

Down

- 1 Trippet
- 2 Zodiac lion
- 3 Prince Val's eldest
- 4 Declined
- 5 Put up with
- 6 Bellow

- 7 Upset
- 8 Robin of balladry
- 9 Makes a collar
- 10 Punching
- 11 They replaced the franc
- 12 Fishnet
- 13 Ancient Rome's emblem
- 21 Leaps aside
- 22 Familiar places
- 23 George who was a she
- 24 Drive
- 25 Enjoy the beach
- 29 Thorough check
- 30 Alice's cat
- 32 Harder to believe
- 33 Japanese theater
- 34 Cote dwellers
- 35 Reed instruments
- 36 Cloudy-looking
- 42 Rues loudly
- 46 Not as bland
- 47 Endured
- 48 Corn holders
- 49 Flood barrier
- 50 Physicist -- Newton
- 51 -- in (interrupt)
- 52 Kind of drum
- 54 Goodbye, to Gaius
- 55 Chooses
- 59 Frat letter
- 60 Handy abbr.
- 61 Deli loaf

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easy



hard



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Aries Intense talks will help resolve pending issues. A fair option will be made available and will be worth considering. With change comes new beginnings.



Taurus Appeal to the people you are emotionally connected to. If you are willing to compromise, you will be able to resolve any issue that stands in your way.



Gemini Become engaged in things that interest you and have an open mind. Taking short trips, exploring new ideas will encourage you to think about and pursue your goals.



Cancer Consider venturing into unfamiliar territory to find out information necessary to move forward with a partnership, educational pursuit or troubling health issue.



Leo What you do to help others will benefit you as well. Collaborating with someone will lead to a healthy partnership that can change the way you move forward.



Virgo Look for work-related opportunities. Changing your vocation or picking up new skills that will help you switch careers looks promising.



Libra Get involved in events that require intelligence and offer you a chance to present your capabilities. One-on-one encounters will lead to innovative prospects.



Scorpio Money matters, contracts and deals that have been pending for too long should be addressed. You may not get everything you want, but you will get peace of mind.



Sagittarius Team up with someone if it will help you reach your goal. Taking a day trip or engaging in conversation will point you in a new direction. Knowledge is highlighted.



Capricorn Listen to every idea that comes your way and consider how your decisions will affect the people who depend on you before you move forward.



Aquarius Participate in events that will put you in touch with innovative people. The information shared will be valuable and will initiate new friendships.



Pisces Work quietly on your own until you are sure you can figure out what you are trying to accomplish. Improvements to your health is encouraged. **EUGENIA LAST**

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